ശ്രീ. ജോസഫ് മാത്തൻ: അവിടത്തെ കൃഷി ഫലപ്രദമാണെന്ന വ്യക്തികരം ശവത്തെ ണ്ടിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അങ്ങനെ പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടാണ് ബ്ലോക്ക്ഡോസർ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു കൃഷിനടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. Speaker: The question is only about the use of it at Shertallai. Hence these questions are not admissible.

ശ്രീ. സി. കേശവൻ: അവിടെ എന്തു ചെലവായി എന്ന് അന്വേഷിക്കാമോ?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: കണക്കുവരുത്തി നോക്കാം.

സാഹിബ് ബഹദൂർ കെ. എ. മുഹമ്മദ്: എന്തു വ്യവസ്ഥയിലാണ് ഇതു കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്?

ശ്രീ. ഇ. ജാൺ ഫിലിപ്പോസ്: അതു ഫയൽനോക്കാതെ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

F. I. T.

941. [15] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state whether Government are aware that staff recruited for the F.I.T. which has ceased to operate are now idle and that some of them are transferred to other divisions of the Forest Department which are themselves overstaffed?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon: A temporary Division at Malayattur was formed to supervise the work of the Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd. in the F.A.C.T. concession area. When the company suspended work in this area, a few clerks sanctioned for this Division were temporarily deputed to other Divisions to attend to the increased work in connection with the lease of forest area for food production. Now that the work has been re-started in the concession area, the minimum necessary staff has to be posted for the work.

Sri. K. Ramachandran: May I know what percentage of the staff is likely to be retrenched under the new scheme?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon: That is a totally different matter for which I am not ready to give an answer.

F. I. T.

***942.** [16] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have recovered the value of about 50,000 logs of timber and 2,00,000 tons of firewood amounting to over 50 lakhs of rupees from the F.I.T. and

(*b*) the name of the officer who was responsible for this loss?

Sri. Panampilli Govinda Menon:

(*a*) The figures given in the question are incorrect. An amount of Rs. 8 lakhs is outstanding against the Forest Industries (Travancore) and the Fertilisers and Chemicals (Travancor) Ltd., being the value of timber and firewood supplied. Out of this about Rs. 3·9 lakhs is due to adjustment towards bills for roads constructed by the company. Part payments are being made by the firm and the whole amount is expected to be realised in due course.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

TRANSPORT WORKSHOPS AT KOTTARAKARA

***943.** [17] **Sri. K. Ramachandran:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state whether Government propose to develop the Transport Workshops at Kottarakara?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Yes.

Sri. K. Ramachandran: May I know the progress so far made in taking over the adjoining lands?

Sri. E. John Philipose: Government have passed orders for the acquisition of 66 cents of land for the extension of the garage foundation and the construction of waiting rooms and the extension of the sanitary convenience at Kottarakara. That acquisition is still pending and the Director of Transport is there today looking into the question and discussing with the Tahsildar so that the matter may be speeded up.

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